

# THE MESSENGER

## First United Methodist Church

*Loving Christ, Loving others, Serving God*

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February 13, 2019

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

The Gift of Love

"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV)

As you receive this newsletter, it will be February 14, Valentine's Day! This is a day to remember and

celebrate love. There will be candy, flowers and greeting cards. There might also be parties, gifts and dinner out at a restaurant. All this will take place today or tonight to focus our attention on love.

But what is love? Those who write poetry for greeting cards, and those who market merchandise for Valentine's Day, would have you believe that love is a feeling. And, to a certain extent, that is true. However, as 1 Corinthians 13 tells us, it is so much more. Throughout scripture, we are taught the importance of love for God and neighbor. And, we certainly need a lot more of that in our modern world! So, today, I challenge you to read, study and consider Paul's message from 1 Corinthians 13, as a guide for how we ought to think about love on Valentine's Day and every day!

I'll see you in church Sunday!  
Ed

### YOUTH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, February 17

5:00 P.M.-UMYF "Connected", Activities Building

#### Monday, February 18

3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Man Cave, Activities Building

#### Wednesday, February 20

5:30 P.M.-UMYF "Rooted", Activities Building

### MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mother's Day Out is available on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8-3 and currently has openings for ages 3 mos.-5yrs. If you or someone you know would be interested in enrolling their child/children in Mother's Day Out, please contact Frances Gibson at 662-934-0112.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Dynamic Fingertip Devotion is a devotion book that includes devotions suitable for private reading and public devotions and even some special days like Valentine's Day, etc.

### OFFICE HELP NEEDED

April 29-May 2 Tracy will be out of the office. We need someone to come into the office that week to fill in for her. Office duties will be to answer the phone, type The Messenger and make sure it gets mailed, type and fold the bulletin for Sunday and other general office duties. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Tracy at 563-4534. Thank you!

### THANK YOU

THANK YOU Nancy Bridges and team for everything you did to make the Valentine Party so special. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and lots of fun!

### ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR

February 3-Communion

February 10-Open

February 17-M/M Fred Womble

February 24-Calvin & Janet Flint

March 3-Communion

March 10-Open

March 17-Open

March 24-M/M Tom Womble

March 31-Open

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office 563-4534 or [firstumc@panola.com](mailto:firstumc@panola.com).

**PRAYER REQUEST**

**MEMBERS:** Jean Cobb Douglas, Rosemary Woodall, Jerry Knotts, Ryna Smith, Meg King, Patti Flint, Hollie Roberson, Mary Haberman, Betty Flint, Christy Hansen, Charlie Overton, Tommy Greenlee, Collins Bailey, Doris Shields, Amy Franklin, Ann Trusty, Sally Reid, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Trey McGovern, Steve Still, Eloise Rollins, John M. Mothershed, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Mary Moody  
**FRIENDS:** Joey Haire, Chris Jamison, Brenda May (Scoot Wilson’s daughter), V. K. Smith (Evelyn Wofford’s son-in-law), Larry Little, Kristen Flores, Peggy Burnett (Chris Burnett’s mom), Terri Chandler (Cindy Jones’ sister), Lee Garner, Sr., Don Haire, Kevin Gant, Judy Greene, Paige Elmore, Marrette Mills, Carlee Griste, Jimmy Eubanks (friend of Sue Womble), Edna Rice (aunt of Tom & Rosemary Womble), Carolyn Goodnight (Christy Broome’s mom), Barbara Meacham (Kate Meacham’s mom), Asher Taylor, Amy Mullins, Jimmy Cobb, Robbie Stewart (Phyllis Floyd’s son-in-law), Mike Kimbriel, Durwood Gordon, Steve Durr, Shelda Murphree (sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Bobby Burkhalter  
**Military Call-Up:** Justin Tharpe (nephew of Ryna Smith), Colby Shankle, Benjamin Chambers (nephew of LaFonda Poland), Jeffrey Brown, Casey Clark, Jordan Kemp, Jessie Stanley, Dennis Adams, Sam Riddell

**SYMPATHY**

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Gail Hannaford and family at the death of her mother Muriel Miller who passed away on February 5.

*Happy Birthday*

February 15-Benjamin Cole, Peyton Neal, June Palmer  
February 16-Jim Tyler Dalrymple, Darlene Greenlee, Vernon Herron, Christy Vinson Malatesta, James Meacham Moffatt, Crystal Allgood Ray, Sara Trotter  
February 17-Brad Baker, Aubrianna Craven  
February 18-Riley Dalrymple, Chris Smith, John Wesley Willis  
February 19-Bobby Baker, Kay Hentz, Betty Summers  
February 20-Bill Dugger, Jeff Swindoll, Kirk Willingham

*Happy Anniversary*

February 15-M/ Edwin Thomas  
February 17-M/M Tommy Wells

**February 17-Acolytes**

**8:30 A.M.** Elsa Jones/Alex Jones  
**10:55 A.M.** Reid Morris

**February 17-Ushers**

**8:30 A.M.** Brad Lightsey/Dave Lange  
Chris Smith/Dennis Land  
**10:55 A.M.** Daryl Neal/Wade Meek  
Calvin Flint/Jim Vinson

Security Team

Clint Egbert/Brad Robison  
Tony Jones/Steve McMinn

Children’s Moments

Edee Temple

**MORNING WORSHIP**

“Blessed or Woeful?”  
Luke 6:17-26

**EVENING WORSHIP**

Ed Temple

**Financial Report for February 10, 2019**

2019 Budget	\$1,040,865.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	20,016.63
<b>Budget Amt. Needed to Date</b>	<b>120,099.78</b>
Budget Amt. Offering	9,690.27
<b>Budget Amt. Rec’d to Date</b>	<b>78,770.98</b>

**“Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous.” ~ Psalm 112:4 NLT**

**Attendance for February 10, 2019**

Sunday School	208
Morning Worship	250
8:30 A.M.	164
10:55 A.M.	73
Nursery	9
Security	4

**Please help us fund the ministries and missions of our great congregation. Currently, our giving is lagging behind the level of support which is normal for this time of year. Please help us by catching up with your tithe, or by increasing your financial support for our congregation. The need is great, and your faithful and generous giving is critical to the work of Christ’s church.**

**Thank you,  
Ed**

**UNITED METHODIST MEN-BREAKFAST & SPEAKER**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
7:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**NAME CHANGE**

**The Mature Adult Choir (MAC) has changed its name to the FUMC Gospel Choir.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesday, February 13

- 3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building**
- 5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building**
- 5:45 P.M.-Handbells**
- 6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir**

Thursday, February 14

- 12:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study**

Sunday, February 17

- 7:30 A.M.-United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall**
- 8:30 A.M.-Early Morning Worship**
- 9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building**
- 9:45 A.M.-Sunday School**
- 10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship**
- 5:00 P.M.-UMYF “Connected”, Activities Building**
- 6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship, Fellowship Hall**

Monday, February 18

- 10:00 A.M.-FUMC Gospel Choir (formerly MAC)**
- 1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor**
- 5:30 P.M.-Youth Choir, Choir Room**

Tuesday, February 19

- 9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting**
- 9:00 A.M.-Friendship Quilters**
- 7:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study**

Wednesday, February 20

- 3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building**
- 5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building**
- 5:45 P.M.-Handbells**
- 6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir**

**CALENDAR FOR LENT**

**Wednesday, March 6**

6:00 PM-Ash Wednesday Service

**Wednesday, March 13**

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Rickey Haynes (District Superintendent), Speaker

**Wednesday, March 20**

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Morgan Spencer (Pastor of Pope Charge), Speaker

**Wednesday, March 27**

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Daniel Herring (Drew’s Brother; Pastor of Grenada FUMC), Speaker

**Wednesday, April 3**

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Milton Whatley (Pastor of Como UMC), Speaker

**Wednesday, April 10**

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Russell Fletcher (Former Pastor of FUMC), Speaker

**Wednesday, April 17**

12:00 PM-Lenten Lunch: Keith Keeton (Pastor of Senatobia FUMC), Speaker

**Thursday, April 18**

6:00 PM-Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

**Friday, April 19**

Good Friday, Office Closed

**Sunday, April 21**

Easter Sunday

**Monday, April 22**

Easter Monday, Church Office Closed

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# Puzzle!

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LEAVE						
CHAPEAU						
TRANQUILITY						
BECOME MATURE						
RESPOND						
SPHERE						
OLD TESTAMENT QUEEN						
DISCOVER						
CONFIDENCE						
ALWAYS						

Answer: depart, hat, peace, grow, answer, ball, Esther, find, trust, ever, gentleness